



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
**DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

**License for Diversion and Use of Water**

APPLICATION 28074  
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PERMIT 19651

LICENSE **13504**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That**

Matilija Canyon Wildlife Refuge  
2533 Greenvally Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90046

has made proof as of **July 10, 1996** (the date of inspection) to the satisfaction of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) of a right to the use of the waters of **Matilija Creek in Ventura County**

tributary to **Ventura River thence Pacific Ocean**

for the purpose of **Recreational, Wildlife Enhancement, and Fire Protection uses**

under Permit **19651** of the SWRCB; that the right to the use of this water has been perfected in accordance with the laws of California, the Regulations of the SWRCB, and the permit terms; that the priority of this right dates from **March 27, 1984**; and that the amount of water to which this right is entitled and hereby confirmed is limited to the amount actually beneficially used for the stated purposes and shall not exceed **one and one-tenth (1.1) acre-feet per annum to be collected from December 1 of each year to March 30 of the succeeding year.**

The maximum instantaneous rate of diversion to offstream storage shall not exceed 0.05 cubic foot per second.

The capacity of the reservoir covered by this license shall not exceed 1.1 acre-feet.

After the initial filling of the reservoir, the licensee's right under this license extends only to water necessary to keep the storage reservoir full by replacing water lost by evaporation and seepage, and to refill if emptied for necessary maintenance or repair. This right shall be exercised only during the authorized diversion season.

(0000040)

**THE POINT OF DIVERSION TO OFFSTREAM STORAGE IS LOCATED:**

South 1,300 feet and East 3,100 feet from NW corner of Section 22, T5N, R24W, SBB&M, being within NW¼ of NE¼ of said Section 22.

**THE PLACE OF STORAGE OF SUCH WATER IS LOCATED:**

At reservoir within NW¼ of NE¼ of Section 22, T5N, R24W, SBB&M.

**A DESCRIPTION OF THE LANDS OR THE PLACE WHERE SUCH WATER IS PUT TO BENEFICIAL USE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

At reservoir within NW¼ of NE¼ of Section 22, T5N, R24W, SSB&M, as shown on map on file with the SWRCB.

Licensee shall divert water to storage from Matilija Creek only when water is spilling from Matilija Dam.

(0360500)

Licensee shall install and maintain devices satisfactory to the SWRCB to measure water diverted to storage from Matilija Creek.

(0060400)

Licensee shall maintain a record of the quantity of water diverted to storage and shall supply this record to Casitas Municipal Water District once a month.

(0090400)

Licensee shall allow Casitas Municipal Water District or its designated representative reasonable access to the reservoir and recorder system for the purpose of determining if water is being diverted according to the terms of this license.

(0030999)

Licensee shall allow a mutually agreed-upon representative from those downstream property owners who protested Application 28074 a prescribed reasonable access to the reservoir and recorder system for the purpose of determining if water is being diverted according to the terms of this license.

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*Licensee shall allow representatives of the SWRCB and other parties, as may be authorized from time to time by the SWRCB, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this license.*

*The quantity of water diverted under this license is subject to modification by the SWRCB if, after notice to the licensee and an opportunity for hearing, the SWRCB finds that such modification is necessary to meet water quality objectives in water quality control plans which have been or hereafter may be established or modified pursuant to division 7 of the Water Code. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the SWRCB finds that: (1) adequate waste discharge requirements have been prescribed and are in effect with respect to all waste discharges which have any substantial effect upon water quality in the area involved, and (2) the water quality objectives cannot be achieved solely through the control of waste discharges.*

*Pursuant to Water Code sections 100 and 275 and the common law public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this license, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of the SWRCB in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses and to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.*

*The continuing authority of the SWRCB may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this license with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of licensee without unreasonable draft on the source. Licensee may be required to implement a water conservation plan, features of which may include but not necessarily be limited to: (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this license and to determine accurately water use as against reasonable water requirement for the authorized project. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the SWRCB determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation.*

*The continuing authority of the SWRCB also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by the licensee in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the SWRCB determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution article X, section 2; is consistent with the public interest and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust.*

*This license does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened or endangered species or any act which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code sections 2050 to 2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A. sections 1531 to 1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this water right, the licensee shall obtain authorization for an incidental take prior to construction or operation of the project. Licensee shall be responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable Endangered Species Act for the project authorized under this license.*

*Reports shall be filed promptly by the licensee on the appropriate forms which will be provided for the purpose from time to time by the SWRCB.*

*The right hereby confirmed to the diversion and use of water is restricted to the point or points of diversion herein specified and to the lands or place of use herein described.*

*This license is granted and the licensee accepts all rights herein confirmed subject to the following provisions of the Water Code:*

Section 1625. Each license shall be in such form and contain such terms as may be prescribed by the SWRCB.

Section 1626. All licenses shall be under the terms and conditions of this division (of the Water Code).

Section 1627. A license shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under it is used for a useful and beneficial purpose in conformity with this division (of the Water Code) but no longer.

Section 1628. Every license shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this article (of the Water Code) and the statement that any appropriator of water to whom a license is issued takes the license subject to the conditions therein expressed.

Section 1629. Every licensee, if he accepts a license, does so under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the State therefor shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any license granted or issued under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any licensee or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code) or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State, of the rights and property of any licensee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code).

Section 1630. At any time after the expiration of twenty years after the granting of a license, the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State shall have the right to purchase the works and property occupied and used under the license and the works built or constructed for the enjoyment of the rights granted under the license.

Section 1631. In the event that the State, or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or political subdivision of the State so desiring to purchase and the owner of the works and property cannot agree upon the purchase price, the price shall be determined in such manner as is now or may hereafter be provided by law for determining the value of property taken in eminent domain proceedings.

Dated: February 21, 2001

BOARD

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
DAVID R. BERINGER**

For *Chief, Division of Water Rights*